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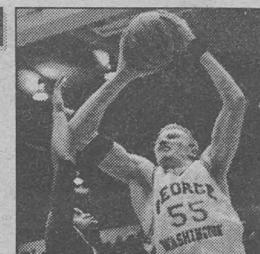
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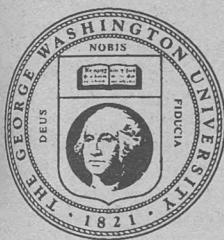
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Crowds in the Marvin Center sought to at least symbolically win back some of their tuition money Thursday night during the Homecoming 'Imagine the Possibilities' celebration.

SA service lobbies for students

Students charged with violations can get advice, advocacy

BY SHRUTI DATE
HATCHET REPORTER

Do you have a problem and no one to turn to? Students charged with violating the Code of Student Conduct can contact the Student Association's Student Advocacy Service if they feel unsure of the repercussions.

"As a regular student, if they are charged (with an offense against the Code), they may not know their rights and most of the time (may not know) who to contact," said Omer Totonji, the SA's vice president for undergraduate policy.

Students charged with an offense may feel uncomfortable approaching University officials to find out the consequences of their offense, leaving them uninformed.

The service provides peer advocates who confidentially inform those charged with an offense of their rights and responsibilities, and the advocates act as liaison between students and University officials.

Administrator of Student Judicial Services Mike Walker trains student advocates in the finer points of the code.

"If a student comes to us it is our job to get them the answers," Totonji said. "We advocate the interests of students charged and help them to go through the process and refer them to the right persons."

"(The students) are probably already scared," said Lesly Hallman, an advocate. "So we are there to ease the tension."

"We want them to know that we are here to help ... we are sort of a clearinghouse for information," added Hallman. "But we are not your attorney."

The Code specifies that "representation is not

permitted in University disciplinary hearings or conferences ... the roles of advisors shall be limited to consultation with respondents. Advisors may not address the (Judicial Services) Board or question hearing participants."

An advocate's role, as defined in a recent memo from the service to the administration, is to "guide students to proper channels in efforts to help students with any situation they encounter."

"This is a system where there is not a call for pseudo-lawyers," Walker said. "It is a peer judicial system."

Although the advocates do not defend students in court, they offer a key tool - knowledge.

"We are always on the side of the students to offer confidential information," Hallman said. "We try to give them the best help possible."

"I think any program that educates students who turn around and help other students is beneficial," Walker added. "We are very supportive of students establishing such a program."

While it was established five years ago, the advocacy service has seen some highs and lows in its existence. Walker notes that he has seen similar programs emerge and then dwindle depending on the enthusiasm of those sponsoring it.

"The service has been a part of the SA for a long time, but I was one of the people who revitalized it," Totonji said.

For all its usefulness, however, the members of the advocacy service do not want to see the number of clients grow.

"For us no business is good business," Hallman said.

"I would like to see continued use of the service," Totonji said. "But it is like being a doctor ... you cure people but you do not want people to be sick."

Lewis asks Court to throw out fines

Several candidates appeal decisions

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

A mistake made by the Joint Elections Committee might result in two 10-point fines levied against Student Association presidential candidate Andrew Lewis being thrown out.

Lewis has appealed the fines to the Student Court, claiming that the JEC did not rule within the required 48 hours on the appeal he directed at them.

"It was very disappointing that they didn't respond in time," Lewis said of the JEC.

"It was a hectic week for the JEC," Chair Christopher Moody said. "It's completely our fault and it is something we are looking forward to addressing in court."

"We had to hear it or pick a date

that was agreeable within two days," JEC member Andrew Hamilton said. "It's a big mistake on our parts. They are well within their rights to act as they are. They are our rules and we overlooked them."

Lewis is also claiming that at the time of the infraction, the rules were not finalized and he was not an official candidate.

"The first ground was set by the precedent of the *Moran v. Mory* case," Lewis' campaign manager

David Cleary said, citing last year's case that was thrown out by the court. "Before a rule is published as binding, it cannot be enforced."

"The second ground is that Andrew was not a candidate until (Jan. 24). Until he has filed a declaration, he is not a candidate and not

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UPD bars guest after he aims laser on 23rd St.

BY JARED SHER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

University and Metropolitan Police converged on Fulbright Hall Thursday night after officers feared someone was pointing a weapon at pedestrians on 23rd Street.

A visitor to the residence hall's sixth floor actually was using a red laser pointing device, and pedestrians thought someone might be pointing a laser-sighted gun at them.

"They thought it was somebody getting a bead on them," UPD Captain Anthony RoccoGrande said. "They feared for their safety."

A pedestrian called UPD at 7:50 p.m., and officers called MPD to assist. "Due to the possibility of a weapon ... they called MPD," RoccoGrande said.

They entered Fulbright and searched the room that witnesses said the laser was coming from. No one was in the room, but when the resident returned approximately 10 minutes later, she reported to the building's resident director that some of her personal property had been misplaced.

The resident director then

informed her of the police inquiry, and the resident told police that her visitor was in the 2000 Penn shopping complex. "One of the occupants of that room later admitted that a friend of her's had some sort of laser pointer."

UPD and MPD confronted the individual, who is not a GW student, outside Tower Records. He was searched, the laser device was confiscated and he was issued a notice barring him from campus.

RoccoGrande said UPD has the right to enter students' rooms with the assistance of residence hall staff if "there's a public safety issue involved."

No arrests were made in the case, and the individual was not charged with any criminal offense. RoccoGrande said the individual is about 19 years old and is a student at another area university.

Since no arrest was made, police refused to identify the individual.

RoccoGrande added that the incident report will be forwarded to GW's judicial affairs office, and any action taken against the resident of the room would be left up to them, he said.

Triple Bulls Shot

A dose of potty humor from Hatchet's world traveler

I don't know what it is with people who have ever done any sort of international traveling, but for some reason, whenever these global nomads get together, the conversation inevitably just seems to turn to shit. That's right: shit. As in excrement.

For instance, one friend who has spent a good deal of time in Greece will warn whomever will listen that one is never, under any circumstances, to move one's bowels when swimming in the ocean. The details have something to do with floating, but as soon as he begins to explain,

people tend to bolt out of the room in disgust (much as you are probably doing right now).

Toilets, or the lack thereof, also seem to be a favorite discussion piece. As a short trip into the French countryside will attest, toilets, as we know them, aren't to be found everywhere, even in the most romanticized of countries. My roommate John's family is originally from a French town on the German border named (I kid you not) Bitche, where, much to his amusement, toilet-less toilet stalls are still somewhat of the norm.

Instead of a porcelain throne on which to perch, there is a hole in



Erik Schelzig

the ground and two hand grips to hold on to. And if you stand too close to the blow-hole when you pull the flusher, you are likely to get a shower in the package, too. Ah, yes, la belle France.

And as some of us have left and returned from various study abroad destinations, the stories have become ever more revealing. Those who have spent a semester at sea speak of the ill effects of being on a boat when sick to one's intestines; I once had to spend three days in the small Vietnamese coastal town of Hoi An, while my companion was bed-and-toilet ridden with a particularly violent bout of Uncle Ho's revenge. And my erstwhile roommate Dave needs little prodding to tell of his toiletry adventures during the time he spent in China.

(On the other hand, Dave maintains that the worst attack he's ever had was a result of being a camp counselor in Colorado. Apparently that mountain spring water ain't quite so pure, after all. Go figure.)

And some of us who "got it" once are convinced we've still got it now. There is an intestinal condition called "giardia" that is virtually undetectable, often incurable and overall mysterious. Nonetheless, it doesn't stop any of us from blaming a particularly unpleasant trip to the old baño on having acquired the dreaded giardia at some point in our traveling pasts.

In the Philippines, TV commercials for some sort of anti-diarrhea medicine show the various disagreeable situations that people with "LBM's" (yes, Loose Bowel Movements) get into. For example, the images include a sweating and grimacing jeepney driver who is in such a rush to get to the can that

his excessively fast and wild driving is frightening the bejesus out of his passengers, or the equally perspiring and tortured looking witness on the stand who keeps on trying to get up to go to the bathroom, but inevitably gets restrained by the bailiffs. Ya better take yer pills, buddy.

Speaking of LBM's, the range of medicinal treatment is quite frightening. When I went to Vietnam, I brought with me three grades of remedies. The first was Imodium, which I guess is for run-of-the-mill-type bowel irritations; the second level was Ecyfuyrl, which will plug you up for about a week; and the third, with a name that is utterly unspeakable (which is journalismese for "I forgot the real name"), that was to be used only in code-red type situations. The label warned not to come into direct sunlight when taking the medication. I was too afraid to ever take that one.

In any case, if you have any more questions about this intriguing (yet somehow, oxymorically, revolting) topic, a good place to start would be with Kathleen Meyer's definitive *How to Shit in the Woods: An Environmentally Sound Approach to a Lost Art*, printed by Ten Speed Press out in Berkeley. How she got to be an authority on the subject is anybody's guess, I suppose.

One thing's for sure, though: She — like many of us — sure seems to think she knows her ABCs about LBM's. I just can't decide if that is really a good thing, though.

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Students may see GW One Card by fall

BY AN NGUYEN
HATCHET REPORTER

The GW One Card, an all-purpose debit and access card, may be available for students as early as next fall semester, according to Nancy Haaga, director of auxiliary and institutional services.

Haaga said a company has been recommended and negotiations will hopefully be finalized within the next month.

"Over the past year we've been working toward identifying the best system as far as meeting the University's needs," Haaga said.

The one card will replace the GW ID card, providing the same building access and meal plan services. The one card, however, also will serve as a debit card, possibly enabling students to use it in vending machines, laundry machines in residence halls, and for purchases in the GW Bookstore.

Other applications, such as use of the one card as a calling card, may be phased in during the next one to three years, Haaga added.

Commuting students may even be able to use the one card in the parking lots in the future. The need to buy parking tickets from the Marvin Center may be eliminated once parking lots are fitted with an automated gate and one card reader.

The process for bringing the one card to GW started more than 18 months ago with bi-weekly "working group" meetings, which included representatives from every major

area of the University directly affected by the implementation of the one card, Haaga said.

"We worked together to identify the needs to be met by a one card system. What applications do we want the one card to serve for our community?" Haaga said.

Research into possible vendors for a system also began last year. Representatives from the Office of Campus Life, the medical center, access services, which would oversee the one card system, and institutional and auxiliary services visited Harvard and Florida State universities, campuses using a one card system.

Vendors also were invited to set up a demonstration of their systems in the Marvin Center, which was attended by students and faculty about one year ago, Haaga said.

The working group reviewed the proposals from the six to eight one card companies, and auxiliary and institutional services performed the financial analysis in order to settle on the best system for the University.

If finalized, Haaga said, the tentative plan is to set up the system through the spring and summer for use in the fall 1997 semester. The system would require replacing equipment, wiring and hooking up a network before it could be used by students in the fall.

"If it all comes to fruition, the one card will be a very nice thing for everyone. We're almost there, but we're not there yet," Haaga said.

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A little respect

Last Thursday night, after the GW men's basketball team lost to Massachusetts, students headed over to the Homecoming Night in the Marvin Center - to find the women's basketball team passing out flyers hyping its upcoming home games.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the Colonial Women's prowess, they're only one of the best damn basketball teams in metropolitan Washington. They've been stomping all over their Atlantic 10 competition, winning games by 30 and 40 points. Senior center Tajama Abraham recently became GW's all-time scoring leader. Senior forward Lisa Cermignano just broke the GW all-time three-point field goal mark of 223 set by 1996 graduate Kwame Evans. The Colonial Women boast the best overall record in the 1990s of any team, men or women, in the D.C. area. They've been unbeatable in the Smith Center for the past 25 games - the third-longest active home winning streak in the NCAA.

So why on earth should these women have to work so hard just to fill the lower tier of the Smith Center bleachers for a home game?

The answer is simple - they shouldn't, and the fair-weather fans who flock to men's games and stay home when the women play need a big-time wake-up call. You all are missing some incredibly good basketball.

The fans who do faithfully attend women's games know they're appreciated by the team and by head coach Joe McKeown. McKeown always stops by to say hello to the loyal rooters in the front rows. Most of those fans also occupy the front rows for men's games, and they were on their feet last Thursday night when the women were given their A-10 championship rings at halftime of the men's game. But they were among the few who cheered their hearts out for this obviously deserving team.

We say this somewhere in the pages of The GW Hatchet every year, but it has to be said again. The women's team deserves better. Fans who only attend men's games, in our opinion, should be ashamed to call themselves GW fans at all.

PB uses the Force

This past Friday night, 300 GW students took a field trip to the movies, courtesy of the Program Board. PB rented out one of AMC Courthouse's theaters to sponsor an opening-night showing of the newly restored *Star Wars*.

This is exactly the kind of thing we've wanted to see more of from PB, and its efforts are encouraging. They provided an inexpensive opportunity - the tickets cost only \$3 - for students to see one of the enduring films of their childhood.

PB has been criticized by this newspaper in the past for keeping a few too many perks for its own members. But in this case, it's obvious that PB is performing a valuable service to students. Opportunities like this are what make the organization necessary.

The only drawback was that PB just couldn't get tickets for everyone who wanted them - a theater only has so many seats. That's probably why they wisely decided not to hype the ticket sales too much. Signs in the Marvin Center were enough - it was easy to find 300 students who wanted tickets. Too much advertising would have meant more disgruntled students angry at PB for something the group really can't control.

PB says it hopes to run similar events when *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi* come out in February and March. Students should be on the lookout for the chance to buy tickets. When PB is doing this well at its job, we had better take advantage of that.

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THE SA SENATE IN THE REAL WORLD TEN YEARS FROM NOW...



GW may be big on diversity, but not when it comes to our faculty

As I reach the conclusion of my student life at GW, I have grown increasingly frustrated with one aspect of academics here. It seems to me that the school's faculty is terribly homogenous.

The teachers I have had at GW have overwhelmingly been white males, and it is a situation I wish the school would address, even if I'll be gone by the time the faculty is diversified.

I find it frustrating enough that virtually no core classes I've taken here have been taught by a non-white professor, and only a few have been taught by women. But this year I thought I'd have some different teachers. My classes include "history of D.C.," "geography of the Middle East/North Africa" and "cultures of Africa."

In all three of these cases a teacher who most fits the subject might have been nice, but instead I have three more white male teachers. I'm not saying the teachers I have cannot do a good job, but

there's something that bugs me about learning the "cultures of Africa," the "geography of North Africa" or the "history of D.C." - classes specific to a certain area that would create a certain mindset - from teachers who are not from that area or inherently possess that mindset.

In a perfect world, all races and

Ben Osborne

sexes could teach all classes, and you could have a man teaching women's history and white people teaching about Africa. But in this imperfect world, where most English, science and history teachers at this school are white, I think the school should at least make a concerted effort to hire non-white professors in areas where they would have some specific experience and expertise.

This school is constantly bragging about its "international flavor and diverse student body." Well, the diverse students should be taught by many different types of teachers. Just as it is easy to lure students from around the country and the world to this, the nation's capital, I'm sure it's easy to lure many different teachers as well.

Lastly, let me say I did not commission a study on the percentage of non-white professors at this school before I wrote this. Maybe some administrator is going to respond by offering percentages and racial breakdowns for our faculty. However, I've been a fairly astute observer of things at this school since I've been here, and this is what I have seen. I will graduate with the impression that GW does a poor job of hiring a diverse faculty, and that is a shame.

-Ben Osborne is sports editor of The GW Hatchet.

Balanced budget amendment will trivialize the Constitution

The first joint resolution to be introduced in the 105th Congress is a balanced budget amendment. This amendment to the Constitution would require the national budget to be balanced by the year 2002. An "escape clause" provides for 60 percent majorities in both chambers to override the amendment in an emergency. As of this writing, it seems there are enough votes in both chambers of Congress to send the amendment to the states for ratification. But even with the escape clause, this amendment is not good fiscal policy.

This seems like another attempt on the part of certain politicians to convey to the voters that they're tackling the hard truth about our national deficit. However, this amendment will not make decisions about appropriation any easier. The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act of 1985 tried to address this issue and failed. An amendment will not solve any more problems than the 1985 act did.

There is consensus that the budget needs to be balanced. So why not just balance it? It would be far easier to balance a budget with a simple majority this year and let next year's budget be completed next year. Future Congresses and presidents should not be bound on fiscal policy by an amendment passed by this Congress. There needs to be overriding evidence that such an enduring amendment is needed - and such

evidence does not exist.

Do you remember the shutdown of the federal government last year? Expect more of those if this amendment is ratified. Especially when occupied by opposing parties, the two ends of Pennsylvania Avenue will engage in an annual conflict over priorities. If such conflicts cannot be resolved, they can pass a slightly unbalanced budget - it wouldn't be the end of the world. A balanced budget amendment would prevent this passage. If the Supreme Court is forced to rule a budget unconstitutional, will it be that Court that dictates to the President and Congress how to balance the budget?

This amendment could set a precedent for trivializing the Constitution. Escape clauses have no place in Constitutional amendments. There are more responsible ways to rein in the budget deficit. Simple responsibility on the part of politicians is one. Another is the line-item veto, which went into effect this January. The president is now empowered to strike "pork" appropriations from major legislation. The national budget needs to be balanced, but playing games with the Constitution is not a responsible or practical method of doing so.

-Christopher Jenkins is a freshman majoring in political science and history.

OPINION

On-campus housing deadline is too close for students' comfort

We were all shocked to find out the first week of this semester that on-campus housing Intent-to-Return forms with nonrefundable deposits of \$300 are due by Feb. 7. This gave us on-campus freshmen, sophomores and juniors an absurd three weeks to decide where we would be living for the entire next year.

There are a few serious problems that I have with this new policy, and I think these questions need to be addressed.

My first question is, why is the date so early? No publicized reason that I know of has been given for this deadline. I went to the Office of Residential Life last week to ask this very question. The people at the desk simply told me that they didn't know the reason, that it was the "higher ups" who were responsible and that they didn't give ORL any reason for this ridiculous date.

I was told by a friend that the date may have been changed this year so that those who end up on the waiting list don't

Kevin Groves

supposed to receive them months earlier, around the beginning of the summer. A good friend of mine

was forced to leave when she finally got her financial aid statement a week into the first semester and it was an inadequate amount of money. She had already moved in to her residence hall! I wonder where I would be living if I handed in my Intent-to-Return form sometime in June or July....

I am still wondering where I am going to live next year, but I don't have enough time to figure it out before Feb. 7. My friends don't know what they are going to do, either. We are all feeling this pressure. Many people will go into the lottery and then decide to move off campus. These people do not deserve to lose \$150 or \$300 because of it, especially on such short notice. If this deadline remains the same, this will happen to many more people than last year, and GW will make much more money because of it.

I invite anyone who is in a situation like mine or simply feels this treatment is unjust to look me up on GWIS2. I already know of many who have been left in confusion about their future plans for next year. They shouldn't have been put in this situation.

-Kevin Groves is a sophomore anthropology major.

Another of my questions is, why is the deposit non-refundable? Someone who gives in their deposit but then does not select a room loses \$150 of their deposit and the rest is deposited into their student account. Someone who chooses a room and then decides to live off campus loses all \$300. My question is, why are we penalized for changing our minds? Does it really cost GW \$300 to cross some-

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Taking shoes out of Delts' tree does nothing to advance women

This week marks the end of a controversy that has been played up in the media and around campus for three months. The shoes in the tree in front of the parking lot on G Street will be removed by the D.C. Sanitation Department. This physically removes the flashpoint that has led to numerous GW Hatchet articles and letters to the editor, but it does not solve anything.

We have chosen not to dignify the complaints by Women's Issues Now because they were not for legitimate reasons. We have never been approached by this group to find out why the shoes are really in the tree; it has simply been assumed that they represent a sexist viewpoint. Perhaps this is why we are losing one of our long-held traditions.

I would like to make it clear why there are shoes in the tree in front of the parking lot. Several years ago, brothers of Delta Tau Delta were visiting the Bronx and saw telephone lines filled with old shoes that people had thrown in the wires. The brothers had heard of shoe trees on other campuses, and we decided to start one of our own.

Since then, countless initiations, graduations, birthdays and other celebratory occasions have been marked by an old pair of shoes being thrown in the tree. I myself have one pair of shoes in the tree. Instead of throwing away the brown Nike boots I had worn during some of my most memorable moments in high school and my freshman year at GW, I put them in the tree. Upon returning to campus in the future, I would be able to point out the shoes as a memento of these great years.

The shoe tree does not stand as a memorial to barbaric sexual conquests, as some members of GW's community would have you believe. The tree means something different to every Delt who has ever placed

his footwear on a branch. There are no current brothers who have shoes in the tree to celebrate a sexual conquest.

Now we will pay a fine of approximately \$400 to have our shoes removed. This will end the controversy that should have never started. The publicity stunt that has divided two groups on campus has worked. I would like to personally thank WIN member Charlotte Hernandez for making the street safe for pedestrians to walk. I now know that the only thing I have to worry about hitting me on the head are bird droppings. However, I also feel sorry that an important issue on the GW campus has not, and will not, be addressed by the removal of the shoes.

I champion anyone who stands up and fights for the stoppage of sexual oppression. My fraternity is opposed to and sickened by sexual assault, harassment, rape and human rights violations of any sort. This is why 25 of our brothers donated their time to the House of Ruth, a shelter for abused women and their children, to help raise \$5,000 last semester.

I am willing to talk to anyone about these issues in any forum, and we will continue to do what we can to help out worthy charities such as these. However, removing these shoes will do absolutely nothing to advance this cause. I am also sorry that any group would have to lose any credibility among the Greek-letter community for pursuing such infantile means to get their name in the paper. The quest to end sexual assault must continue, but in a productive manner.

We have tried to remain quiet throughout the entire process. In remaining quiet we will lose one of the few visible traditions on this campus. There were no winners in this situation.

-Tyler Green is president of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Book exchange was a success, regardless of slight sales drop

Let me try to set the record straight regarding this year's Student Association Book Exchange ("SA exchange nets lower sales in 1997," The GW Hatchet, Jan. 27, front page). It was a tremendous success, both for the SA and for the students who participated in it. Despite obstacles that the directors of the book exchange had to overcome, they managed to provide a service to the students that generated more than \$15,000 of cash changing hands.

Was that less money than last year? Yes, but there is much more to the story. Imagine, if you will, a student who is done with her calculus book and wants to get some money back for her original investment. She could easily go to the GW Bookstore and get roughly \$20 for her used book. Then another student would come in to the Bookstore and buy the same book for twice to three times that amount. Capitalism in action.

However, due to the efforts of Mark Reynolds, Damian McKenna, and this year's directors of the book exchange, this same woman can now sell her book at the book

exchange for \$40, probably more than she would get at the bookstore. A student comes and buys that same book and saves \$20 to \$30!

If only a small handful of people benefited from this service I could understand the questions about our success rate this year, but, as The Hatchet reported, more than 1,000

David P. Cleary

students participated in the book exchange this year. That's a dramatic rise from last year and speaks incredibly well of the program.

Why, then, did the book exchange "only" generate \$15,000 worth of cash changing hands? The real answers are relatively simple. Primarily, and of great concern to all students, is the desire of professors to use the most current edition of textbooks. By the time the average student cracks the spine on the fourth edition of his or her chemistry book, the publisher has released the fifth edition and is printing the sixth edition for the next semester. Professors, interested in getting the most current book, do not seem to understand the huge financial burden that imposes on

the average GW student. We must speak up so that professors fully understand our financial limitations.

In addition, it is a common practice for academic departments to offer classes only during specific semesters. There are many reasons for this: we have a shortage of classroom space, a finite number of professors and a limited (though rapidly increasing) number of undergraduate students interested in taking certain courses. Because many classes are not offered during both semesters, this means no one wants to buy your book for the spring semester for a class only offered in the fall.

The SA is working on finding a way to expand the book exchange to the fall as well as the spring. However, the amount of work involved is formidable, and the challenges have created several obstacles. We think we are near a solution, but we have a lot of work to do. By working with the bookstore and the Office of Auxiliary and Institutional Services, we will provide this service during both semesters in the future. I can promise that once a coherent plan is worked out, the SA will let the entire student population know of our success in figuring out this problem.

-David P. Cleary is Student Association vice president for academic affairs.

'Peace with security' will last, embassy says

Israeli official says accord will succeed despite tensions

BY NIKKI KOLODNY
HATCHET REPORTER

Public Affairs Officer for the Israeli Embassy Craig Goldstein described the official Israeli Likud government position on the Middle

East peace process Wednesday as "peace with security" and "reciprocity."

Goldstein was invited by the Student Alliance for Israel to speak in the Marvin Center about the latest step in the peace process, the

Hebron Protocol. Goldstein spoke about the implications of the protocol and what forces pushed Israel to the negotiating table.

Students voiced their concerns about safe access to pray in Hebron, possible war with Syria, peace with

Lebanon as well as speculation about Israel's next steps.

Hebron, a religious and holy site to both Palestinians and Jews, has been a point of contention since Israel's failure to remove its soldiers from the area last year, Goldstein said.

The refusal to leave incensed the Palestinians and renewed tensions and violence, he added.

The symposium attracted both Jewish and Arab students as well as students from other local universities.

Noam Shelef, president of SAFI and organizer of the symposium, said it was presented from an informative Israeli perspective.

GW student Tal Muscal, a native of Israel, said he has always been strongly supportive of the peace process. He said the symposium was one of "the most informative sessions I've ever been to."

Muscal also said Goldstein gave the official government position but added, "I hope it's true ... we need to wait and see."

Muscal added that it would be "(Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin) Netanyahu's nightmare if the peace process stops."

Goldstein emphasized that Netanyahu wants to avoid violence at all costs. The slogan "peace with security" comes from Netanyahu's 1996 campaign.

The recent Hebron Protocol "reaffirms Israel's commitment to the Middle East peace process," Goldstein said, and proves

Netanyahu is an advocate of peace.

However, Goldstein pointed out that reciprocal cooperation needs to exist on both Israeli and Palestinian sides. He said if Israel does not feel that its people are safe, the peace process could again come to a halt.

"Israelis are most concerned with the security of their own lives," Goldstein added.

Under the Hebron Protocol, only 2 percent of the Palestinian population remains under Israeli control, Goldstein said. He added that freedom to worship is guaranteed to all.

Four holy sites are under Palestinian control, while the Tomb of Patriarchs is still under Israeli rule. Israeli soldiers are scheduled to completely leave the area by mid-1998. The rest of the details have not yet been clarified, Goldstein added.

Goldstein told students Israel felt justified in keeping good relations with Palestinians.

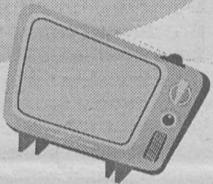
He cited terrorism, such as bus bombings in January and the failure of the Palestinians to remove the call for destruction of the State of Israel from their charter, as significant indication that Palestinians had not kept their part of the bargain.

But recent events have been positive, Goldstein said. The Hebron Protocol has led to an economic boom in the past month, and Israel was officially added to the list of 23 developed countries.

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Gayoski apologizes for recorder snafu

Carroll says apology was 'heartfelt'

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Student Association Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski apologized to the Joint Elections Committee after she turned off a tape recorder during Tuesday's Senate meeting.

"(The JEC) received an apology from Dianne," said JEC member Jeff Carroll, who had activated the tape recorder. "It was very heartfelt."

Gayoski and SA President Damian McKenna met with the JEC Sunday and apologized for her actions, according to Carroll.

"It was an unfortunate incident, and it has been smoothed over," Carroll said. "We look forward to working with Dianne and Damian and having very successful elections."

Gayoski ordered a tape recorder to be turned off during Tuesday's Senate meeting. Carroll placed the tape recorder down next to Mark Levin while Levin was speaking during the public comments portion of the meeting.

"I went to put my bag down outside the room ... the next thing I knew, the tape recorder was turned off," Carroll said earlier.

Gayoski later said at the meeting that she had asked Parliamentarian Michael Petron to turn off the recorder because she thought Carroll had placed it and left.

"It wasn't an issue of taping the meeting," Gayoski said. "It was an issue that I didn't know whose tape recorder it was."

"I am sorry that it happened this way. It's an issue of respect," Gayoski said.

Undergraduate Sen. Peter Kim (ESIA) said he thinks her actions were inappropriate.

"The way that she handled the situation is messed up," Kim said. "There were no grounds for her to turn it off."

Earlier in the week, he had asked for Gayoski to publicly apologize.

"I'm not going to question Dianne's motives, but if it was personal, then it was being childish," Kim said.

McKenna supported Gayoski's actions. "Dianne can decide on her own what she wants to do," he said. "If someone acts in an inappropriate manner, then she has the right to stop that."

Levin affirmed Kim's argument. "It wasn't in the best interest of preserving students' rights to turn off the recorder," Levin said of Gayoski's actions.

He called the apology "expected and necessary. It was a capricious and arbitrary action on her part."

JEC Chair Christopher Moody said he was pleased with Gayoski's apology.

"Any effort that is made to make this a smooth process is appreciated," he said.

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Rappers Camp Lo bore crowd at Quigley's, irk album buyers

BY LESLY HALLMAN
HATCHET REPORTER

Camp Lo's first CD, *Uptown Saturday Night* (Profile Records), is a deceiving musical voyage. It starts off slow, then begins to take off, but just when you think it was worth your money, it's time to demand a refund from Tower.

The first single, "Luchini," has received much play on radio and video shows in the group's hometown in New York, as well as the rest of the East Coast, but for the life of me I cannot figure out why.

If you had to pick the least of all evils in the world, "Luchini" would be it. That's not saying much. The group's problems begin with rapper Cheeba, whose voice is one of the worst-sounding things ever recorded. His monotone makes tracks seem to drag along and his lyrics become nearly unintelligible. And Cheeba's partner in this crime, Geechie Suede, sounds too much like Butterfly from Digable Planets to be real.

Camp Lo claims to be inspired musically by the 1970s Blaxploitation films, Isaac Hayes and big afros. Although the group's beats and hooks are rooted in that wonderful era, the words are rooted in nothing. Songs will leave you first trying to figure out what was said, and then wondering why it needed to be said at all.

Case in point - "Black Connection," supposedly an adaptation of Bruce Lee's *Chinese Connection*: "Korean Scarf around my neck/Little Red Corvette/We got some merchandise to heist/Up in Canada we rule/Calling up the Diamond Delicates/Black connection" Whoever figures this out deserves their own record deal.

Camp Lo got its start opening for De La Soul in 1995. Camp Lo's record deal came after the group's first single, "Coolie High" appeared on the soundtrack for the 1996 Samuel L. Jackson film *The Great White Hype*. Since then the guys have been continuously touring to build a strong listening base.

That tactic probably won't work because Camp Lo sucks on stage, too. The group's boring performance Friday night at Quigley's certainly didn't gain it any new fans in the Washington area.

While *Uptown Saturday Night* is original, originality doesn't count if the innovations are bad. Cheeba and Geechie Suede have taken everything they've ever heard, thrown it all together and tried to make it stick. Props are due for avoiding the popular "let's-talk-about-clothes-bitches-and-money" syndrome, but those props aren't enough to make up for just plain bad music.

WRGW's Top 20 CDs

No.	Artist	Title (label)
1.	Handsome	Needless [single] (Epic)
2.	Guilt	Further (Victory)
3.	Humidifier	Nothing Changes (Link)
4.	Tricky	Pre-Millennium Tension (Island)
5.	The High-Fives	And A Whole Lotta You! (Lookout)
6.	Deadguy	Screamin' With the Deadguy Quintet (Victory)
7.	Spring Heel Jack	Million Shades (Island)
8.	Luscious Jackson	Fever In Fever Out (Grand Royal)
9.	The Cardigans	First Band On the Moon (Mercury)
10.	Whirlpool	Liquid Glass (Revelation)
11.	Jamiroquai	Traveling Without Moving (Work)
12.	Prodigy	Firestarter (Mute)
13.	The Crumbs	S/T (Lookout)
14.	Various Artists	The World Still Won't Listen: A Tribute to The Smiths (Too Damn Hype)
15.	Boys Life	Departures and Landfalls (Headhunter)
16.	John Parish and PJ Harvey	Dance Hall at Louse Point (Island)
17.	The Sneaker Pimps	Becoming X (Clean Up)
18.	Various Artists	Respectfully Yours ... G. Washington
19.	Sick Of It All	Cool As A Mustache (Eastwest)
20.	Live	Lakani's Juice (Radioactive)

For the week ending 1/31/97

Reel Big Fish flounders while Goldfinger shines at 9:30

BY MATT STUMPF
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

They are kids on the road, attempting to deal with approaching stardom. In just a couple months, Reel Big Fish's first album, *Turn the Radio Off* (Mojo Records), has sold 30,000 copies, and the band's first single, "Everything Sucks," hit No. 53 on the CMJ chart.

The band has been seen on MTV's "120 Minutes" and M2. Touring has brought members across the country, from Idaho to New Jersey, and the band is preparing for its second single, "Sell Out," to hit big, with a video to be recorded in California at the end of the tour in mid-February.

Reel Big Fish has had a baptism by fire in the last three months, winning over crowds with its singles, which combine humor with a critique of today's music scene. "If you don't get this song," band members joke on stage, "then it's probably about you." At the same time, something was missing from the group's show at the 9:30 Club Friday, a certain spontaneity that made the show last November with The Toasters so interesting and overwhelming fun.

Reel Big Fish members are devout ska musicians, and they are rather talented at that. The brass break in the crowd-favorite cover of A-Ha's "Take On Me," is one of the most beautifully musical lines ever heard. However, they are falling victim to the trappings of stardom, without having seen any level of true success.

Already, the band has become a bit jaded. Friday night's show was just a shadow of the November show, where the energetic and humorous set lit up an otherwise less-than-memorable night. Now, members seem not at all amazed at their support, even taking it a bit for granted. They perform the same tired show night after night,



Goldfinger's Charlie Paulson (l.) said at the 9:30 Club Friday he's been wishing for musical stardom since he was five.

playing the same gags and telling the same jokes, leaving the crowd with a less than fulfilling show.

While Reel Big Fish wonders what comes next, the members of punk and ska-influenced Goldfinger see the world from the next plateau, as the minor rock stars they have become. They are calm and confident, road-weary, but still vibrating with the pure energy that made them one of 1996's acts-to-see, and, perhaps 1997's next big thing.

It's been a long and winding road to fame and fortune - at least 217 shows in the last 264 days, though guitarist Charlie Paulson swore Friday night that this is a gross underestimation. Demand has not slowed since "Here In Your Bedroom" became a Top 10 alternative hit, Wal-Mart enemy of the people (the chain store won't sell copies of the self-titled debut until the band removes the lyric sheets), MTV staple ("It was a shock. You don't expect someone at MTV to like something good," Paulson joked) and earned the band a world tour opening for the reunited Sex Pistols.

After 300-plus shows in the last year, Goldfinger has kept its

sanity by keeping true to itself.

"We don't give a fuck," offered Paulson. "Everybody else does, but we don't. Punk has become everything that it wasn't meant to be at its inception."

But are they just another top-40 band with an album-selling attitude? Paulson said no. "Within the band, I think we cope really well. Sometimes it gets lonely, but I've wanted this since I was five-years-old," he said. Evoking the name of the martyr who died for pop's sins, Paulson said he sees no reason to be disgusted with his new-found notoriety. "I think Kurt Cobain was full of shit, a whining, sniveling rock star. I enjoy the idea that some kid in Des Moines could hear our song on MTV, and might come to the show and enjoy himself," he said.

A new album is next for the band, which has been completely written, but not recorded, because of the hectic touring schedule. "This next album will be the first true Goldfinger album," said Paulson. "The first one was too slick, overproduced. If Wal-Mart did like the last album, they're definitely not going to like this one."

Local Erykah Badu's sound will make her a star everywhere

BY BEN OSBORNE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Just as smooth as her voice sounds, expect Erykah Badu to smoothly move into the top of the pop music world. The young diva brought her jazz sounds and old fashioned feel to the Bayou last Tuesday and left no doubt in the mind of the audience she will be a force to be reckoned with in the near future.

Badu is a local product who played a special concert for the media and record executives in order to promote her forthcoming album, *Baduizm* (Universal Records), due out Feb. 11.

On stage, Badu evoked images of an old jazz singer. She had a full band flanking her, including a bassist, drummer and three backup singers. While Badu has a voice more conducive to high notes, her backups were able to sing deep and low, providing a nice balance.

Even with the other talented musicians joining her on stage, Badu was the star of the show with her beautiful voice and smooth, sexy movements. She played an

hour set, more or less doing the songs from *Baduizm*.

While her voice and some of the music is more jazzy, her music also contains funk and hip-hop influences. The second song on *Baduizm*, "On & On," shows all her talents. It has a great beat and some cool rhymes. The single of "On & On" was released in early January and has already earned major airtime on local radio stations and also has a video.

Baduizm has plenty of other excellent songs as well. The fourth track, "Otherside of the Game," is a sweet-sounding slow jam perfect for the end of a night. Besides Badu's great voice, the song has some nice horn sections as well.

Another big highlight on *Baduizm* is the second to last song, "Certainly Flipped It," one of the album's most upbeat numbers. It shows the playful side of Badu.

That playfulness was evident on stage as well, and so was her graciousness. At the end of her performance, Badu profusely thanked her audience of local radio and TV personalities and left with a smile.

The audience was smiling, too, knowing it just beat the public to a sure success.

SPOTLIGHT

Election fever: the history of dirty SA politics

Actor Alec Baldwin ran for the SA presidency in 1979 and lost by one vote amid a storm of controversy; Election Committee 'fell apart'

BY OTIS TOWNS AND JUSTIN BERGMAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

Editor's Note: This is part of an occasional series on famous former GW students.

There is life after the Student Association elections. At least that is the case for actor Alec Baldwin, who ran for SA president in 1979 and lost amid a storm of controversy over how the election was run.

As the candidates for the 1997 elections gear up to launch their official campaigns, most probably are not thinking they are lucky to even have a student government. They probably know little of what happened in 1979 when Alex Baldwin, as he was then known, ran for the presidency and lost by one vote. The campaign violations were so severe, many questioned in *The GW Hatchet* if the infant SA (in only its third year of existence) would be able to survive.

Baldwin, a junior political science and drama student, was one of seven candidates for GWUSA (as it was called back then) president that year. He was chair of the Program Board at the time, a group which, according to old ads in *The Hatchet*, then served beer at its functions.

Baldwin ran on a platform that should be familiar to students at the University today. It appears as if some things never change. He charged in a statement printed in *The Hatchet* that GW suffered from "one of the most pitiful public relations operations of any university in America." He said the

University administration and the students had poor links of communication, which kept students from knowing the details about the "Master Plan," the University budget surplus, where the Marvin Center fee goes and the role of the Board of Trustees at GW.

"The student government must assume the responsibility of investigating each and every area of interest to students We must assume that (students) are the top priority at this institution, and in light of this, we are entitled to investigate any aspect of University life which directly and indirectly affects us," Baldwin wrote in his statement.

The confrontational attitude of his platform must not have impressed *The Hatchet* editors at the time, who said in their endorsement that the new SA president must be willing to cooperate and work with others in the administration for students to have a voice at GW. The Hatchet endorsed Brad McMahon for president, saying that Baldwin had not "demonstrated the capacity to listen to other viewpoints and cooperate with others as chairperson of the Program Board."

When election day came, Baldwin was beat by one vote by SA Attorney General Pete Aloe for a spot in the run-off election. The top vote-getter, Mike Karakostas, only garnered 434 votes in the election. Baldwin requested a recount of the votes but no totals were changed.

Then the SA Election Committee "fell apart," according to *The Hatchet*.

One of Baldwin's campaign workers, Stephen Blood, filed a petition with the elec-

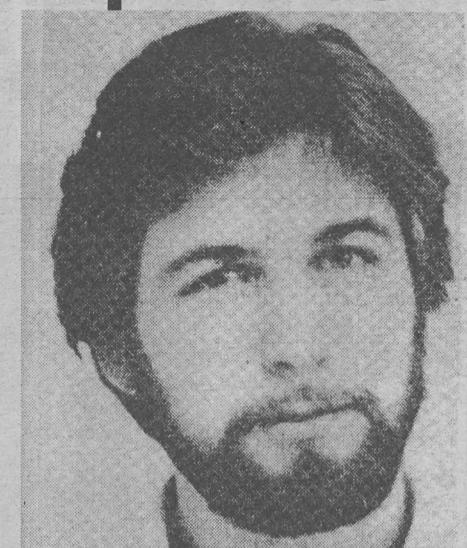
tion committee alleging a number of flagrant campaign violations had occurred at the voting booths during the week that could have affected the outcome of the election. The most serious charges were levied against the Aloe campaign, whose members were observed working at the polls and electioneering and lobbying for Aloe at the same time.

Blood said using campaign workers as poll-workers was a "blatant and pervasive conflict of interest." The election committee sanctioned the workers, though, because they were short of people to work at the polls.

Apparently, the election committee was not the fine-oiled machine the Joint Elections Committee is today, as it literally fell apart after the petition was lodged: They ruled not to accept the petition after they had already accepted it, they changed the run-off election dates three times and the committee's chairman and one of its members resigned following allegations of conspiracy and cover-up.

"Yes, we flip-flopped on many issues," Election Committee Chair Mark Sussman said in *The Hatchet*. "We were all inexperienced. But with what we were working with, nobody else could have done better."

After Sussman resigned in the controversial wake of the elections, the new chair, Jim Glick, didn't make things much better when he asked Blood to just drop the entire ordeal as "a personal favor. We're just going to pass the buck anyway."



Hatchet file photo
1979 SA presidential candidate Alex 'Alec' Baldwin

The problems with the elections even prompted the editors of *The Hatchet* to write in an editorial that the SA may have destroyed any confidence the students had in it. "This election will serve as another example of Rice Hall letting students fight among themselves instead of fighting against the Administration."

The SA Election Committee finally agreed to hold a run-off a week after the petition had been filed, but it would not add Baldwin's name to the ballot. The petition was finally heard, but it did little to help Baldwin's campaign. Aloe won the election, and Baldwin decided to transfer to New York University for his senior year.

Let's hope the candidates in this year's SA election and the JEC have learned from the mistakes of the past. Hopefully, it will be a clean election.

Get off the couch and live up to those resolutions

BY CHRISTINA WEBER
HATCHET REPORTER

For those students who set and are achieving their New Year's resolutions to become fit and more active, let us raise our dessert forks to them.

But for the rest of us, one month into 1997 has been one long buffet line and open bar. Time has not run out, though. There are still 331 days left in the new year to renew those long-forgotten vows of fitness. To make the process a little easier, but unfortunately no less painful, I sat around with a bag of Dorito's and a Coke to think of the numerous fitness options in the Washington area.

Several options are available to those who are looking to join a fitness club or health spa. In general, all of the clubs offer

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Bally's Total Fitness, 2000 L St., N.W., is only one of many health clubs in the area with reasonable rates for students.

the same standard options (aerobics, machines and free weights). Most of the spas did not have pools, but if you look hard enough and want to pay the big bucks you can find a few that offer this option. The most important thing is to extensively shop around for the right club that fits your health, financial and scheduling needs.

Another option, of course, for those who do not want to travel far or pay anything (with the exception of tuition), is the GW Smith Center. The Smith Center has all the same amenities as the local clubs, including a swimming pool.

If the club scene is not your style and money is a concern, there is always the good old-fashioned free walking and running. Taking this fitness route may give you a chance to venture out and become familiar with Washington. Some of the highly recommended spots include a tour of the monuments, Roosevelt Island or the trails by the Rock Creek Parkway.

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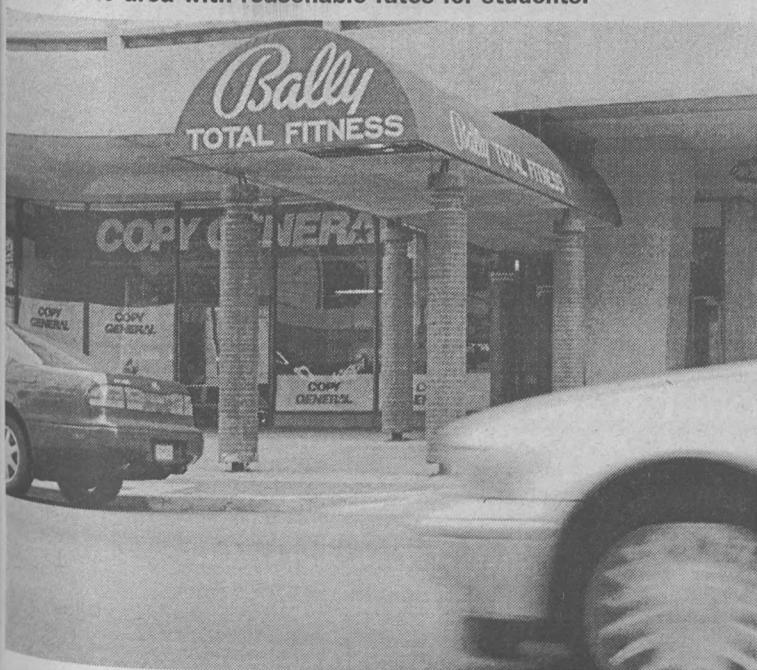
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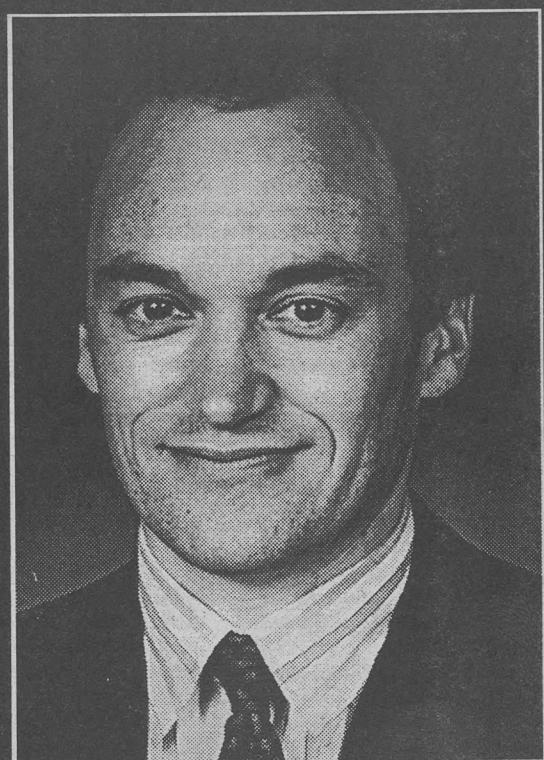
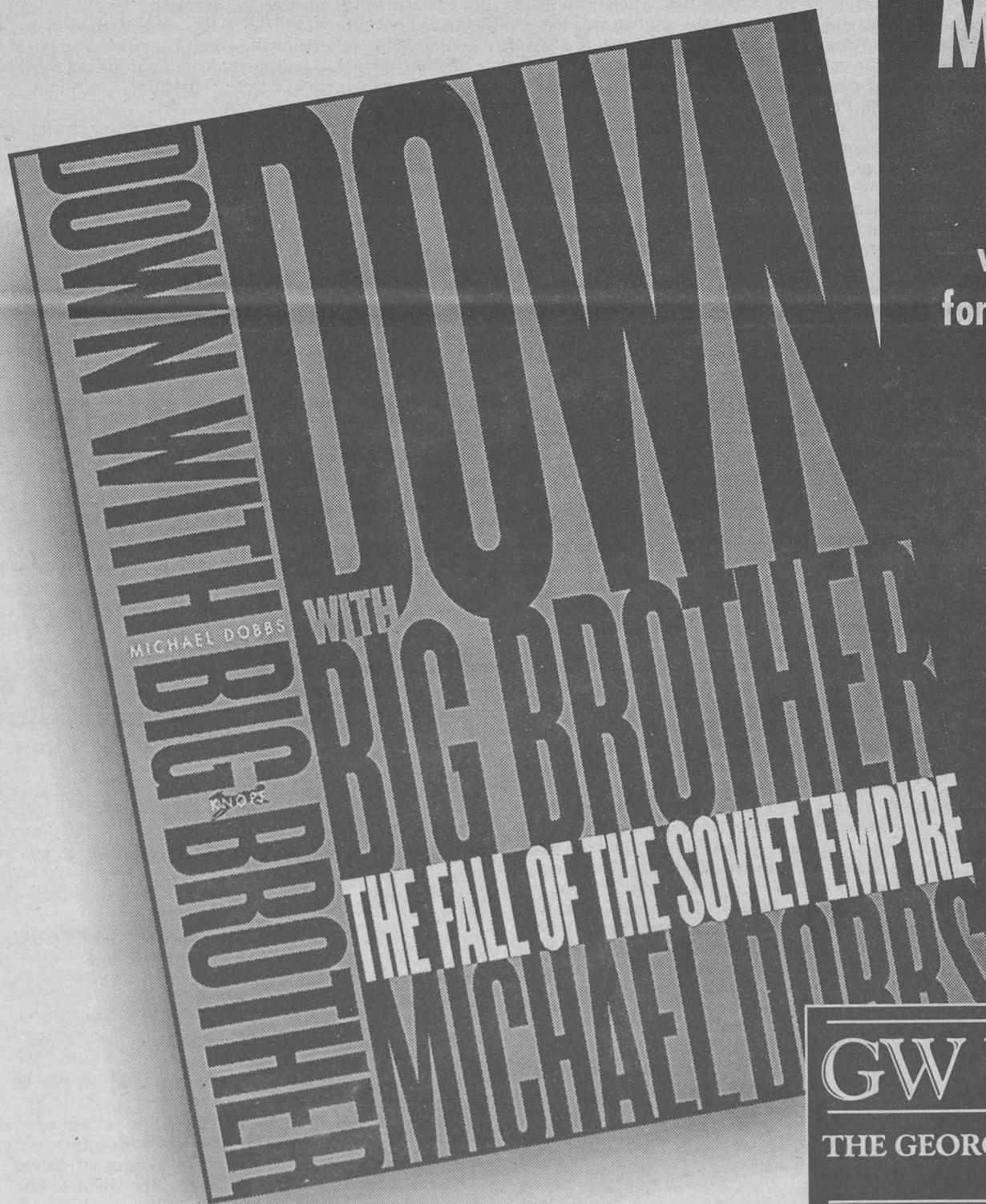
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J Street introduces halal meat

Muslim students win battle for dietary needs at Grab 'n' Go

BY SHRUTI DATE
HATCHET REPORTER

The Grab 'n' Go station at J Street now offers halal items to students after a prolonged effort by the Muslim Students Association to make available the specially prepared meats.

Halal requires that the slaughtering of animals abide by Islamic laws and be done in a fast way to prevent the pain. The name of Allah the "Law-Giver" also must be invoked upon the animal's death.

The MSA realized that the Student Association Dining Services Commission tried but could not meet the needs of the 2,000 Muslim students at the University.

The MSA conducted last semester "The Halal Survey," which revealed that the majority of Muslim students did not eat at J Street because it did not meet their dietary needs.

University officials recognized this issue and tried to resolve the problem.

"(Director of the Office of Residential Life) Sheila Curtin approached me," MSA President Aisha Chaudary said, "because she was interested in meeting the needs of international Muslim students."

Court to hear Lewis fine appeals

(from p. 1)

subject to the rules," Cleary added.

The first 10-point fine that Lewis received was for passing out campaign literature at a GW basketball game on Jan. 23. The second fine was for using an e-mail list serve to announce a campaign meeting.

Cleary is confident that Lewis will be vindicated. "If we go to trial, we will win. We are right, they are wrong."

Lewis filed an appeal to the JEC for a third violation, for passing out literature at the GW-LaSalle basketball game on Jan. 25.

The fine was upheld on Sunday.

"We sustained his appeal and are keeping the 10-point fine," Moody said. "He admitted to distributing campaign literature at the Smith Center."

"I'm concerned about winning this election, not

"President (Stephen Joel) Trachtenberg offered the Kosher Cafe at the Hillel as an alternative, but it was not a possible alternative," said former MSA President Omer Totonji.

Halal meat items, which the Koran defines as "lawful," are a dietary need of members of the Islamic faith just as kosher items are a dietary need for those of the Jewish religion. But the two are not the same.

It was decided that the dietary needs of Muslim students would not be met at the Kosher Cafe after a public discussion was held for Hillel and the MSA.

"I worked with Omer Totonji and drew up a plan to outline our needs, the benefits of halal, and why it should be made available," said MSA Public Affairs Director Souheila Al-Jaddah.

In October 1996 the organization presented its plan, with the support of DSC Director Jesse Strauss, to University administrators.

"Jesse Strauss was very cooperative and wanted to learn the differences between the halal and kosher foods," said DSC and MSA member Rania Swadek, who monitored the progress of the halal proposal within the DSC.

"It was a joint effort between the DSC and the MSA," Strauss said. "If it was as easy as they said it was, there should be no reason why halal should not be available ... they are no more expensive than other items."

Through a series of meetings with Curtin, Dining Services General Manager Paul Krouse and Assistant Director of Auxiliary and Institutional Services Stephany Gonser, the MSA attained its goals to offer halal in J Street.

Originally intended to be offered immediately after the Thanksgiving break, two halal items — a chicken sandwich and hamburger — were finally introduced during the second week of this semester.

"Just as in any process, things don't go according to the timeline that you want them to follow," Totonji said. "But all the people we worked with were very cooperative."

"Hopefully, there will be by next year one halal meal item at each station," Totonji said, "and ultimately one station with halal items." Whether more items will be introduced remains uncertain, but Strauss added, "Halal is here to stay."



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Jurassic Park comes to GW

Scientist confronts 'heretics' at Honors Symposium

BY FRANCESCA DI MEGLIO
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Paleontologist and author Dr. Robert Bakker has ruffled quite a few feathers with his studies of dinosaurs, saying the giant beasts

that once roamed the earth were actually much more like animals than reptiles.

Bakker gave a brief history of dinosaurs this weekend at GW, emphasizing the fact that "dinosaurs are not really extinct," during the Honors Symposium about the creatures, held Thursday through Saturday.

He focused on common misconceptions about dinosaurs being reptiles when evidence exists of their ancestry present in modern-day chickens, turkeys and ostriches.

Bakker jokingly offered a "kosher Bronto-brisket" to the audience and asked if the dinosaur would be considered kosher during modern times.

Bakker spoke about people who dig and search for dinosaur remains. He also showed various slide projections depicting excavations in Mongolia, where he digs annually.

Using colorful slides of cartoons, Bakker explained the similarities between the dinosaurs of pre-historic times and of modern-day animals.

He examined the claws of reptiles and those of dinosaurs to prove that dinosaurs truly are the

ancestors of chickens, turkeys and ostriches.

After Bakker received his Ph.D. at Harvard, he wrote *The Dinosaur Heresies* and *Raptor Red*.

He has appeared on ABC's *Nightline* and is featured in the PBS series, "The Dinosaurs."

He is also the adjunct curator of paleontology at the University of Colorado.

Bakker is mentioned by name in Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park*, and he is the star of the Sega video game made for the movie.

Each year the University's Honors Program offers a series of lectures focusing on a various topics of interest.

This year Bakker focused on dinosaurs. However, in years past, the focal point has been on topics of discussion such as African-American music and journalism.

"The goal of the symposium is to engage the intellectual side of the University, to bring experts from different fields to the campus and to give senior level honors students a different and interesting way to fulfill Honors requirements," said Doni Tawil, the office manager for the University Honors Program.



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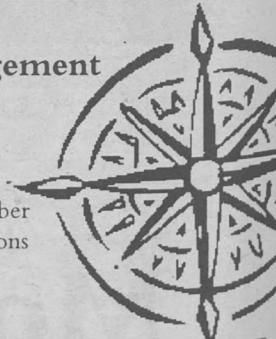
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Nguyen wants to save students money

BY STACEY FELSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER



Thanh Yves Nguyen

Students and politicians alike know that sometimes the only way to move up in the ranks is to start at the bottom. Such is the case for Thanh Yves Nguyen, candidate for executive chair of the Program Board.

"Moving up in the ranks has given me a chance to see an inside point of view of the PB," Nguyen said.

Nguyen, a junior, is in the Elliott School of International Affairs and has a major in international economics. He is a native of Philadelphia and now serves as PB executive vice chair.

He started off as a volunteer for PB during the fall semester of his freshman year. He acquired a work study position the following

semester and advanced to international cultural affairs chair his sophomore year.

Nguyen was also a member of the 1996 Colonial Cabinet.

Nguyen said he wants to expand the controversial corporate sponsorship program. Increasing corporate sponsorship saves students money toward programming events that benefit the entire GW community, he said.

Nguyen said he envisions having the PB operate from corporate sponsorship, saving more for the student body.

"PB has taken corporate sponsorship to a different level. To the dismay of many, we are not using donations for ourselves," Nguyen said.

If elected, Nguyen said he will increase graduate student programming by holding a career fair in fall 1997 and spring 1998 in conjunction with the different graduate schools.

Graduates and undergraduates can network with corporations for future career opportunities. Talks are already underway with graduate student chairs who are receptive to the ideas, he said.

Nguyen also said he hopes to increase international programming and wants to recognize more international holidays by holding activities other than April's International Week.

"I want to do more proactive programming where we go out to them. In doing so, we can become more proactive than reactive."

Nguyen said he has high aspirations for PB.

He said he hopes to "alleviate the current relations between the Student Association and PB ... to better relations to ... enrich campus life."

"If we can work hand in hand, we can better the quality of campus life and take it to a different level," Nguyen said.

Tabibi would bring experience to PB

BY JAY JAGANNATHAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Since her freshman year, Soraya Tabibi has had experience with serving the GW community. Now she's taking it one step further by running for Program Board executive chair.

"I hope that I can help increase the quantity and quality of their events," she said.

"I have always been very committed and excited to serve the GW community," Tabibi said. "My dedication and love for the school are what makes me unique."

Tabibi, a junior in the Elliott School of International Affairs, has been actively involved in GW campus life and with the Program Board throughout her tenure at GW.

During her freshman year, Tabibi was vice

chair of PB's political affairs committee, where she worked to improve professor-student interaction.

As a sophomore, she was the chair of PB's parties committee, playing an integral role in the development of several important PB activities, including Fall Fest, Spring Fling, and GW's historic 175th Anniversary Homecoming celebrations last year.

If elected, Tabibi said her goals will be to increase the number of students who attend PB-sponsored activities and to increase the involvement of graduate students and commuter students in PB events.

Tabibi's activities and interests extend outside of PB as well. She volunteered as a Student Admissions Representative, a position that seeks to orient prospective GW students to the campus

and to college life in general.

Tabibi said it was an invaluable experience.

"My participation taught me a lot about interacting with students," she said. "Talking to new students helps me find out about student concerns, to add to the facts and figures (she learned through her participation in the PB activities)."

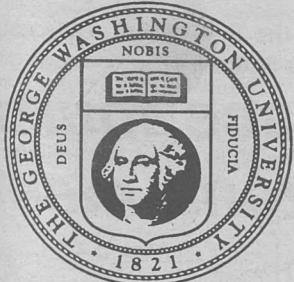
Tabibi also pointed out that her knowledge of the PB structure, combined with her ability to relate to students, makes her a distinctive candidate — enabling her to handle the administrative responsibilities of being executive chair, as well as understanding student needs and concerns.

She said the role of PB chair is to work with the administration to coordinate various programs between different committees, and also to maintain a good rapport between Program Board and students.



Soraya Tabibi

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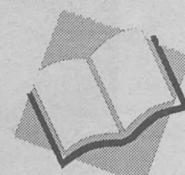
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SPORTS

The GW Columnist

The GW women win beautifully, thank you

You've no doubt seen the posters for the GW women's basketball team at Leo's GW Deli and other places around campus that proclaim that Colonial Women's basketball is "not a pretty game."

Uh, I beg to differ.

If you're one of the lucky and informed fans (I'll come back to this point later) who have witnessed the team dismiss every visiting opponent this year, you know the way it plays is the prettiest thing on this campus.

I understand the sentiment behind the poster's message — the team plays tough, scrappy basketball, and the way Tajama Abraham, Khadija Deas and Noelia Gomez punish opponents' shots is more brutal than anything I've seen the men do this season. But the rest of the Colonial Women's game is damn near artistic: They play sticky defense, they finish their fast breaks, they whip the ball around to the open player and they hit key shots.

Unfortunately, in GW's dominating tear through its conference schedule (10-0 in the Atlantic 10, 15-4 overall), the team has faced fewer and fewer key shot situations. This could pose a problem in the postseason, when the Colonial Women will face the kind of tough competition they faced earlier in the season. Their dominance at the moment is thanks in part to their demanding early season opponents, with wins over UCLA and then-No. 13 Duke, a close loss

to then-No. 10 N.C. State and a crushing defeat to now-No. 2 Old Dominion.

I would love to see how GW would fare against Old Dominion now that TJ has regained her all-American play, Gomez has joined her to become one of the most pleasant surprises of the season and forward Lisa Cermignano is once again drilling three-pointers. GW is a deep, well-rounded team now that guard Colleen McCrea is healthy and freshman guards Marlo Eggleston and Chasity Myers have contributed as if they've been playing together for years.

They will face these types of teams again in the NCAA Tournament, and they'll need to keep their skills sharpened against stronger teams than even the (13-7 overall, 7-3 A-10) Minutewomen they demolished Sunday. That's why Saturday's 2 p.m. game against No. 24 Western Kentucky is so important. It will be a chance for head coach Joe McKeown to see if his team can tear through a tournament-caliber team with the teeth they've sharpened on A-10 teams.

That game, along with Tuesday's 7 p.m. game against St. Bonaventure, is also a chance for GW students to show they are tournament-caliber fans by turning out in droves and supporting the best basketball team on the campus and one of the best teams in the area.

—Kynan Kelly

Colonial Women use threes to top UMass on the 'deuce'

BY BEN OSBORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

On a day when fans all over the country could watch its talents, the GW women's basketball team connected on shots from all over Massachusetts' Mullins Center.

While ESPN2 broadcast the game to cable systems nationwide, GW put on a shooting clinic in an 83-61 whipping of UMass.

Led by Lisa Cermignano's 4-4 performance from downtown, GW hit 8-9 three pointers as a team, setting a new conference record for accuracy in a game.

Cermignano, who scored 14 points and dished out 11 assists, became GW's all-time leader in three-pointers by a men's or women's player, passing former Colonial Kwame Evans (1992-96) with her 224th career triple.

"In the first half we were just taking whatever open shots we had," GW head coach Joe McKeown said of his team's shooting prowess. "But in the second half we wanted Cermignano to get some open looks because she's been shooting very well. I give Colleen (McCrea) and Chasity (Myers) credit for getting Lisa the ball in good spots."

While most of the three-pointers came in the second half, GW went to its old-reliable, senior center Tajama Abraham, in a solid first half.

Abraham scored 15 of her game-high 28 points in the first half, including a powerful basket and ensuing free throw at 8:13, giving GW a 21-16 lead after UMass had cut the lead to two points for the last time. The all-American candidate also had four rebounds, four demon-

strative blocks and a lot of praise heaped on her by ESPN2 announcer Rebecca Lobo, who should know about these things. She was 1995's national player of the year at Connecticut.

Thanks to Abraham's play and 52 percent shooting from the field in the first half as a team, the Colonial Women went into the locker room with a 34-22 lead.

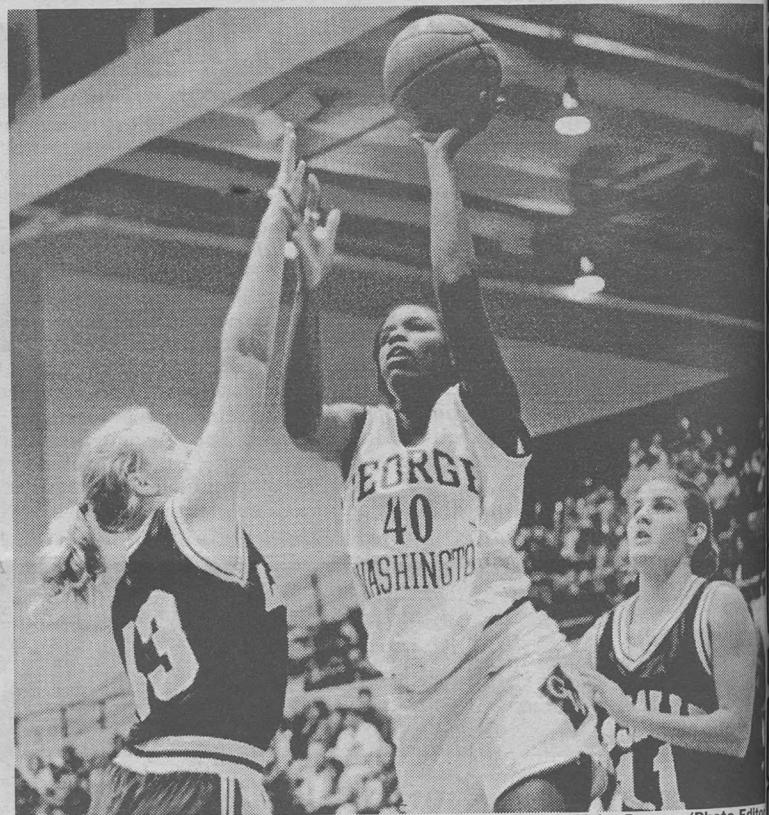
UMass, which fell to 13-7 (7-3 A-10) with the loss, kept fighting, but could not overcome a GW team that shot a blistering 70 percent in the second half. The Minutewomen

were led by senior Crystal Carroll, who had 18 points.

The win left GW with a 15-4 record (10-0 A-10) and McKeown with a bright outlook.

"There's not a whole lot I can say bad about this team. The seniors (Abraham, Cermignano and McCrea) have been terrific with their leadership. They play with a lot of confidence in the A-10," McKeown said.

That confidence will be on display Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Smith Center, when GW takes on St. Bonaventure.



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

Tajama Abraham had 15 points in the first half of GW's nationally televised romp over Massachusetts Sunday.

Gymnasts place fourth at tough Arizona meet

BY HEATHER HARE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The GW gymnastics team placed last in its meet at the University of Arizona with Stanford and Oregon State Friday night. GW's score of 187.875 fell fourth behind Arizona's 195.3, Oregon's 193.825 and Stanford's 192.825.

The Arizona Wildcats held the top position in every event with a score of at least 9.9. Only one Lady Wildcat competed in the all-around, finishing with a score of 39.45.

Junior Lisa Gruber placed fourth in the all-around with a 38.45. Junior Alexis Hrycko was the only other GW gymnast to place in the top four in any event. She placed third in the vault with a 9.85.

"Arizona was a very good team," GW graduate assistant coach Lori Franklin said, adding that the Lady Wildcats are among the top 10 teams in the nation. "It was a great meet to go to compete."

Although the team failed to

place in the top scores in events other than the vault and the all-around, Franklin said it will not set the team back on its road to the Atlantic 10 championship. "The score is what counts the most," she said.

Sophomore Meena Lakdawala performed well in her two events on the floor and beam.

Senior captain Tracey Ackerman did well on the uneven bars and performed her floor routine for the first time ever in a meet. She finished in the seventh spot, which is an exhibition spot, meaning the score did not count for the team. But it did mean that Ackerman is ready to compete in the all-around, Franklin said.

Franklin said the team is looking forward to going to Michigan State Feb. 16. Michigan State is as tough a team as Arizona, and she said they expect to do well.

"Now is the time to get it together," Franklin said. "(The team) is really working hard. It is going to be a great team."



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SPORTS

GW escapes La Salle after loss to UMass

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Muted Cheer Terps learn that the jinx is no joke

Maryland and Wake Forest should play more than just a few games a year. The two this year have been masterpieces. However, Maryland was destined to lose the most recent meeting Saturday in College Park. Unbeknownst to the Terps, their fate was sealed a week ago when they were named The Muted Cheer's team of the week.

Gary Williams, do not blame the loss on the incredible 25-point second half from Tim Duncan, who finished with 29 points and 15 rebounds. Do not blame Wake Forest head coach Dave Odom, who added freshman seven-footer Loren Woods to the starting lineup. And do not blame the officials for calling foul after foul on Obinna Ekezie and Laron Profit.

Do not blame them, Coach Williams. Blame the curse of the Muted Cheer. And frankly, as a North Carolina fan, it feels good to accept the blame.

Terp fans, who suffered through an 0-2 week, are not alone in being mangled by this writer. Talk to Mississippi. The Rebels, after receiving the team of the week award a few weeks ago, won just their second game since then when they beat Arkansas Wednesday.

Unfortunately, the curse had a delayed effect on Massachusetts. The Minutemen were supposed to lose Thursday in the Smith Center. However, the jinx was postponed until Saturday when they fell in overtime against Xavier.

With the excitement in the Atlantic Coast Conference, attention has not been focused on the defending national champs. Kentucky has been surging through its Southeastern Conference schedule since they were upset by Ole Miss.

This week Kentucky will be tested. On Tuesday the Wildcats visit No. 25 South Carolina for the game of the week. The Gamecocks, led by transfer Larry Davis (how could the Tar Heels let a shooting guard like him get away!), are undefeated in SEC play. Kentucky finishes off the week at home against No. 14 Villanova.

A surprising pick for team of the week. Ohio State hasn't made hoops news since Jim Jackson roamed Columbus. That changed last week as the Buckeyes upset their arch rival, No. 17 Indiana.

The win is all the more amazing considering it was done without star center Jermaine Tate, who earlier in the week was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy. As if that wasn't enough adversity, Tate's back-up at center also missed the Indiana game with an injury. Ohio State, struggling through another disappointing season, completed the week with another Big 10 victory over Wisconsin.

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crowd of 5,454 at the Smith Center.

GW sophomore guard Andrei Krivonos is not known for his offensive capabilities. He is often called on to be GW's defensive stopper while others do the scoring.

Saturday night against La Salle, Krivonos finished with a career-high eight points. More importantly, he hit a miraculous shot that forced overtime, where GW eventually pulled out a 78-77 win. With the victory, the Colonials improved to 10-8, 5-4 in the Atlantic 10.

After a shot by Shawnta Rogers was tipped by La Salle's Donnie Carr, Krivonos grabbed the ball and flung it off-balance over his right shoulder. Somehow, his shot found the basket to tie the game at 66.

Yegor Mescheriakov, who finished with a career-high 31 points, gave GW a one-point lead with 22.8 seconds left in overtime, as he converted a three-point play. La Salle's final two chances fell short, and the Colonials escaped the Corestates Spectrum with the win.

GW center Alexander Koul was besieged by foul trouble, playing only 25 minutes. He finished with 14 points and seven rebounds. Carr led all scorers with 36 points.

Massachusetts 68, GW 63

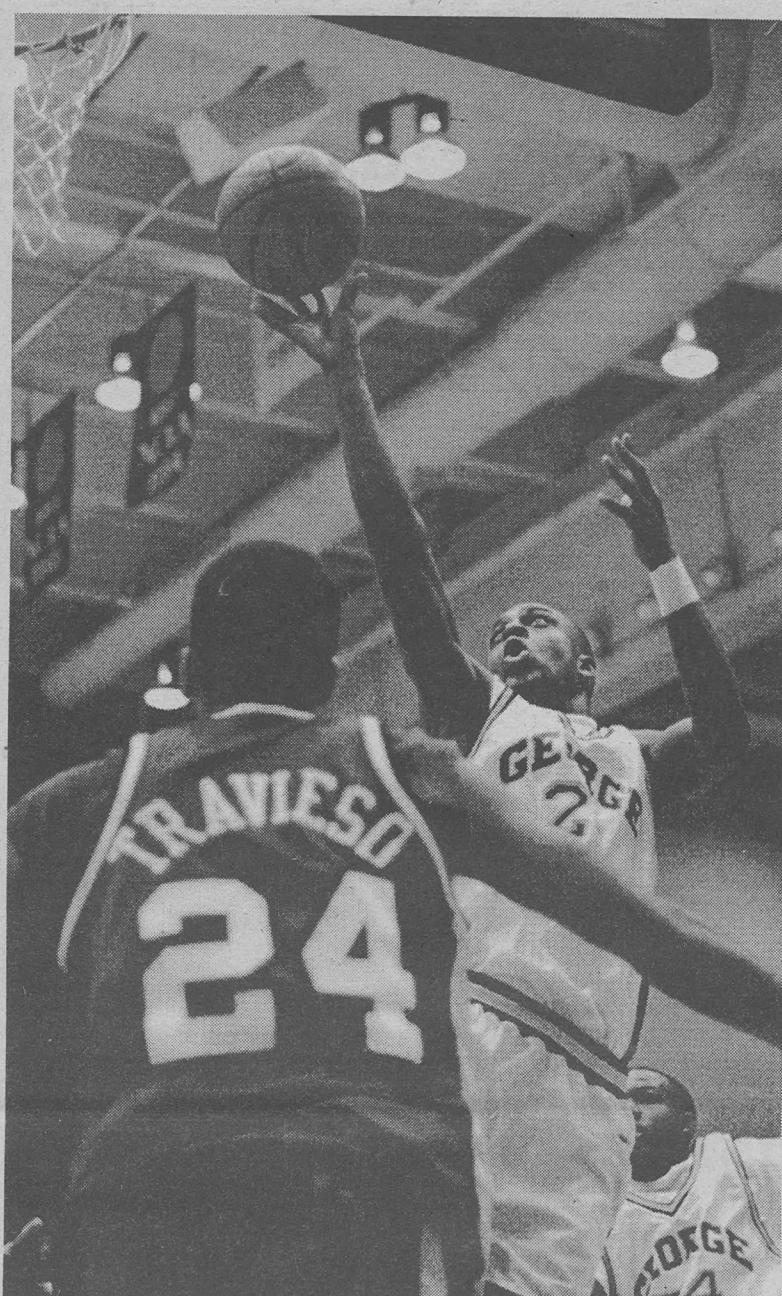
The last time Massachusetts visited the Smith Center, in 1994, they were the No. 1 team in the country and President Clinton was in attendance as GW came away with the upset win.

Clinton must have been good luck two years ago. Thursday, the Minutemen came away with the 68-63 win in front of a stunned sell-out

Mescheriakov led all scorers with 17 points on 6-20 shooting from the field. Brade added 14 and Rogers had 12 for the Colonials, who shot 39.7 percent for the game.

GW was pumped up early, taking a 26-16 lead with 6:30 to go in the first half. But the lead did not hold. The Minutemen came out on fire in the second half, shooting 60 percent from the field. A three-point play by Ajmal Basit with 12:15 remaining in the game gave UMass a lead they would not relinquish.

Despite the loss, Jarvis is confident that his young team will rebound. "It takes time and patience, and I'm getting to be more and more patient," he said. "All this is preparation for something that is much, much better that lies ahead."



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

Despite J.J. Brade's acrobatic play against UMass Thursday, the Colonials fell short, 68-63.

La Salle win keeps Colonials above dreaded .500 mark

BY DAVE MANN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Andrei Krivonos and Yegor Mescheriakov temporarily saved the GW men's basketball season Saturday at La Salle.

Mescheriakov's career-high 31 points and Krivonos' miraculous tying basket at the end of regulation saved the Colonials from defeat and a .500 record. They also kept alive GW's slim hopes of an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

After another tight home loss Thursday to Massachusetts, a loss to La Salle would have dropped GW to 9-9 on the season and may have forced the Colonials to win the Atlantic 10 tournament to gain an invitation to the NCAA Tournament.

There are 34 at-large bids available to the 64-team NCAA Tournament field. If GW does not find a winning streak in its last eight games, its record will not warrant an at-large bid from the tournament selection committee.

A .500 record would force the

Colonials to earn an automatic bid to the tournament by winning the A-10 tournament at the end of the season, or be doomed to a disappointing NIT appearance.

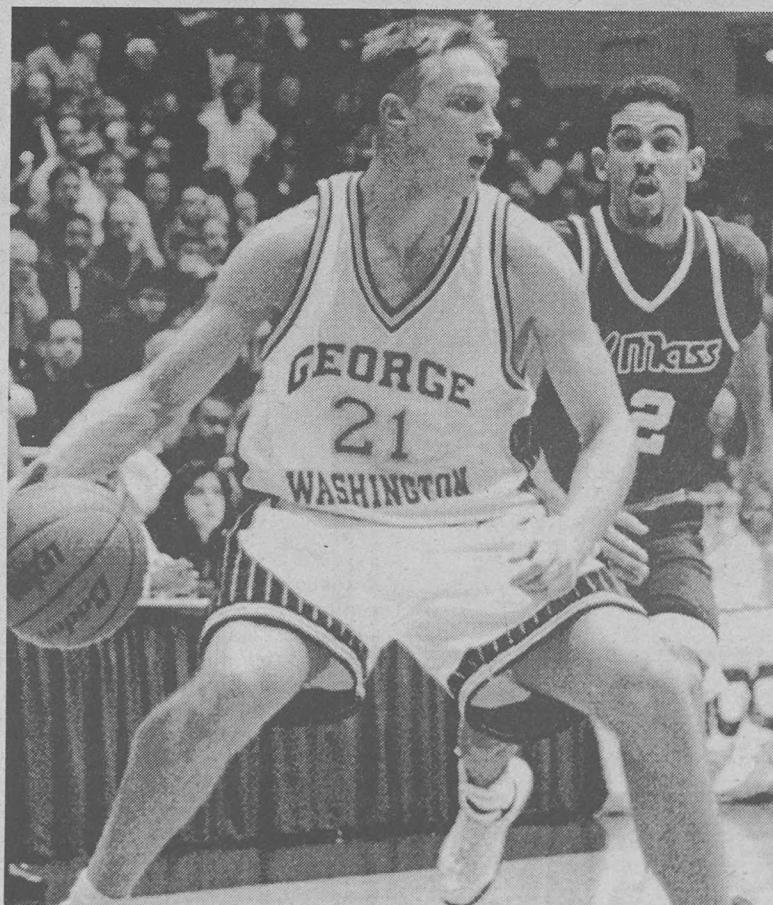
Krivonos' game-tying over-the-shoulder flip and Mescheriakov's scoring against La Salle helped move GW's record to 10-8.

"You cannot imagine the difference between being 10-8 and 9-9," GW head coach Mike Jarvis told The Washington Post.

The schedule ahead is not easy for the Colonials. They still must play tough road games at Temple, Xavier and Rhode Island, all of whom are fighting for at-large bids themselves.

GW also must play Virginia Tech twice. The Hokies also are fighting to stay above .500. Despite the tough road ahead, Jarvis remains optimistic.

"I have a stable full of very good two-year olds," Jarvis said after the UMass loss. "All this is preparation for something much better which lies ahead. We'll be there in the end."



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor
GW defensive specialist Andrei Krivonos hit a miraculous shot to force overtime Saturday against La Salle. The Colonials won 78-77.

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